



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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September 1, 2006

Rebecca L. Gumm, Treasurer
Ashland Inc. Political Action Committee for
Employees (PACE)
50 East River Center Boulevard, P.O. Box 391
Covington, KY 41012

Response Due Date:
October 2, 2006

Identification Number: C00075994

Reference: July Monthly Report (6/1/06-6/30/06)

Dear Ms. Gumm:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

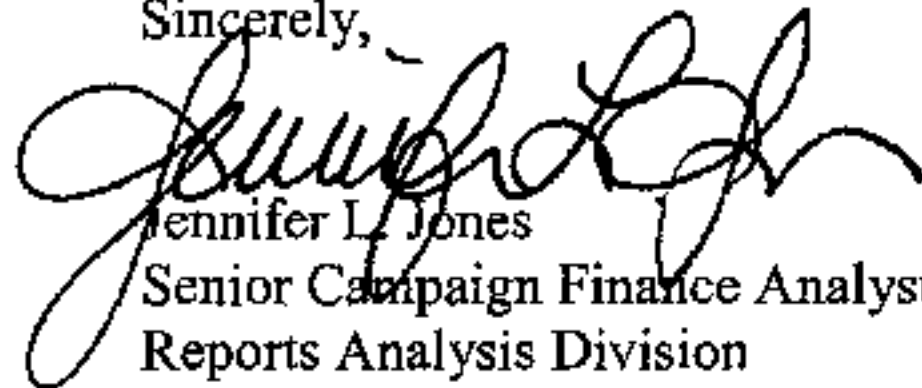
-Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses negative entries for the apparent refunds of contributions originally received by your committee. Please be advised that if your committee wrote a refund check from your account, this disbursement should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 28 of the Detailed Summary Page. Negative entries on Schedule A should only be used to disclose voided checks that were not cashed or cleared by a bank. This method of reporting would clarify for the public record the total amount of receipts/disbursements and more accurately disclose the cash-on-hand amount. Please amend your report(s) to properly disclose this activity or provide clarifying information.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

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Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1393.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer L. Jones", written over the typed name and title.

Jennifer L. Jones
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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